



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING  
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*Courtesy  
Letter*

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Dear [REDACTED]

Property:

[REDACTED]  
1 bedroom / 3 guests / From \$160 per night

As you may know, the City has new regulations concerning short term rentals, as adopted under Ordinance 19-18 (Bill 89). Beginning August 1, 2019, advertising a dwelling for stays of less than 30 days will be illegal under zoning, the Land Use Ordinance. Homes in resort areas, or granted a special zoning certificate are exempt.

Our preliminary investigation revealed that the above property or ones close to it, may be involved in short term renting and advertising. You may not be directly involved in this commercial activity; perhaps it is a tenant. In any event, the law says the fee owner is ultimately accountable, including advertising the home as available for short term renting.

What should you do? If this is your property, advertising and renting for less than 30 days at a time must stop before August 1 to avoid a Notice of Violation, and ultimately, civil fines. If this is not your property, we ask that you contact us, particularly if you can identify which property is involved. You can also inform your neighbors of this letter.

Once an official Notice of Violation (NOV) is issued, the law requires that advertising without the required city approvals must be removed within seven days of receipt of the NOV. If left uncorrected, such illegal renting and/or advertising may result in fines of up to \$10,000 per day.

We encourage you to learn more about the new regulations. For more information, visit our special short term rental website, [www.honolulu.gov/dppstr](http://www.honolulu.gov/dppstr). This website includes Ordinance 19-18, FAQ, contact information, and more.

*Kathy Sokugawa*

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